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**Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims**

- 1-25. (Canceled)
26. (New) A method of specifically inhibiting fusion of an HIV-1 envelope glycoprotein<sup>+</sup> cell with a CD4<sup>+</sup> cell that fuses with such HIV-1 envelope glycoprotein<sup>+</sup> cell, which comprises contacting the CD4<sup>+</sup> cell with an antibody that (1) inhibits HIV-1 envelope glycoprotein mediated membrane fusion of HeLa-env<sub>JR-FL</sub> to a PM1 cell, but (2) does not inhibit HIV-1 envelope glycoprotein mediated membrane fusion of HeLa-env<sub>LAI</sub> to a HeLa-CD4<sup>+</sup> cell, so as to thereby inhibit fusion of the HIV-1 envelope glycoprotein<sup>+</sup> cell with the CD4<sup>+</sup> cell.
27. (New) The method of claim 26, wherein the antibody is a monoclonal antibody.
28. (New) The method of claim 27, wherein the monoclonal antibody is a chimeric antibody.
29. (New) The method of claim 27, wherein the monoclonal antibody is a synthetic antibody.
30. (New) The method of claim 26, wherein the antibody is an antigen binding fragment of an antibody.
31. (New) A method of inhibiting infection of a CD4<sup>+</sup> cell by HIV-1, which comprises contacting the CD4<sup>+</sup> cell with an antibody that (1) inhibits HIV-1 envelope glycoprotein mediated membrane fusion of HeLa-env<sub>JR-FL</sub> to a PM1 cell, but (2) does not inhibit HIV-1 envelope glycoprotein mediated membrane fusion of HeLa-env<sub>LAI</sub> to a HeLa-CD4<sup>+</sup> cell, so as to thereby inhibit infection of the CD4<sup>+</sup> cell by HIV-1.
32. (New) The method of claim 31, wherein the antibody is a

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monoclonal antibody.

33. (New) The method of claim 32, wherein the monoclonal antibody is a chimeric antibody.
34. (New) The method of claim 32, wherein the monoclonal antibody is a synthetic antibody.
35. (New) The method of claim 31, wherein the antibody is an antigen binding fragment of an antibody